

# Newark Forum For Alternative Education

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Three workshops were begun this spring on an experimental basis - Overview of Newark, Housing in Newark and Health. Here are some comments from participants:

I feel that the workshops would have been invaluable for any teacher teaching in Newark...the workshops would enable any teacher to understand the different factors affecting the lives of their students.

Ron Quinlan, history teacher  
St. Vincent's Academy

It can take years for an individual to learn the resources available in a city . The workshops are essentially a shortcut. They gather information and material and offer it in condensed form. Teachers can then utilize this information according to their needs.

Dean Schneider, Kids Corp.

Attending various workshops on topics related to the city of Newark helped my capacity to teach a course entitled "Newark" in our April-June semester.

John Fox, Social Studies teacher  
Learning Experience High School

Plans for the fall are to continue with at least 3 more workshops. We hope to recruit more teachers, especially public school teachers. We also plan to transcribe the workshop talks and print them, along with all bibliographical materials developed, in the form of a work-book or manual so that the information can be translated into courses by others.

The workshops were sponsored by the Newark Forum for Alternative Education which is a coalition of Alternative Schools, Youth Services Bureaus, after school programs and public school programs which represent a wide range of services offered to juveniles in Newark.

We are seeking a grant to continue and expand our workshops and believe that our project fits into your grant guidelines. We will be in touch to discuss our idea with you.

Sincerely,

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Director of Program Development